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SUBJECT: VOLSPKR DR. JAMES GRANT

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THIBAULT, NEA/INS

1. REFTEL MESSAGE PASSED ON TO GRANT AND BRIEFLY DISCUSSED DECEMBER 20. GRANT RANG ME UP JAN. 5 TO INFORM ME THAT HE NOW PLANS TO ARRIVE IN SRI LANKA FROM TRIVANDRUM ON JAN. 21 AND WILL REMAIN UNTIL MORNING OF JAN. 26 WHEN HE WILL DEPART FOR NEW DELHI VIA MADRAS. WHILE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES HE BELIEVES IT PREFERABLE TO PUT UP AT A LOCAL HOTEL (GALLE FACE HOTEL) HE ASKED ME TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND INVITATION TO STAY AT THE RESIDENCE. HE PLANS TO TELEPHONE YOU IN BOSTON, ON 10TH PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE LATER THAT DAY.

2. GRANT'S MAIN PURPOSE IN SRI LANKA, AS EXPLAINED TO YOU IN PRIVATE LETTER AND REITERATED TO ME, WILL BE TO CONFER WITH MARGA INSTITUTE ON POSSIBILITY OF CONFERENCE THIS FALL TO BE SPONSORED JOINTLY BY MARGA AND OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL. HE HAS WRITTEN TO GODFREY GOONETILLEKE ADVISING HIM OF HIS ARRIVAL AND HAS ASKED GOONETILLEKE TO COORDINATE

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HIS SCHEDULE. AFTER SOME HESTIATION HE DECIDED NOT RPT NOT

TO ASK EMBASSY TO CONFIRM WHATEVER ARRANGEMENTS GOONETILLEKE
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